**Pending applications for grant for old age homes in Kerala**

*671. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the applications for sanction of grants for old age homes from Kerala pending with his Ministry;

(b) since when these applications are pending; and

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the grants to each of the organizations which have applied for grants?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) Under Integrated Programme for Older Persons scheme, four applications for grant in aid for old age homes are pending. The period of pendency with reasons is given below:—

| Sl. No. | Name of the Organisation | Date of receipt of application in the Ministry from which pending | Reasons for pendency |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Karuna Bhavan, Sreemoollanagaram, Eranakulam Distt. | 1.3.2001 | Required documents namely audited account and annual report for the year 2000-01 were not received. |
| 2. | Vinobnikethan (Thiruvananthapuram Distt.), | 8.4.2002 | Required documents namely audited account and annual report for the year 2000-01 and 2001-02 not received. |
| 3. | Divine Charitable Trust (Trichur Distt.) | 17.4.2002 | Required documents namely copy of the rent agreement, list of beneficiaries, annual report and audited accounts for 2001-02 were not received. |
| 4. | Snehagiri Hithralayam Snehagiri Society (Trichur Distt.) | 17.4.2002 | Required documents namely copy of the rent agreement, annual report for 2000-01 and 2001-02 and audited accounts for 2001-02 not received. |

Under non-plan scheme *viz.* "Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/ Voluntary Organisations / Self Help Groups, for Construction of Old Age Homes/ Multi Service Centres for Older Persons" three project proposals are pending. The period of pendency with reasons for the same is as follows:—

| Sl. No. | Name of the Organisation | Date of receipt of application in the Ministry from which pending | Reasons for pendency |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mahatma Nature Cure Centre, Taliparamba, Kannur Distt. | 16.7.2001 (New application) | Non-availability of funds during 2001-02. |
| 2. | Sneha Bhavan, Arayangad, Kannur Distt. | 31.8.2001 (Application for second instalment) | First instalment of Rs. 2.50 lakhs has already been released. The second instalment could not be released due to non-availability of funds during 2001-02. |
| 3. | Santhisadan, Malappuram Distt. | 17.4.2002 (New application) | Due to non-availability of funds for new project. |

**Child marriages in Chhattisgarh**

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "3000 child marriages in Chhattisgarh", which appeared in the Hindu (Delhi edition), dated the 24th April, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken, if any against the Collector who failed to prevent it though he was informed about the child marriages in advance by Sarpanch; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent the child marriages in future in the State?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) According to the report received